



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS: Metastatic breast cancer, or stage IV breast cancer, occurs when cancer cells spread from the breast to other organs in the body including the lungs, liver, bones, and brain; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with a form of invasive breast cancer during her lifetime; and
- WHEREAS: More than 154,000 individuals across the U.S. are estimated to be affected by metastatic breast cancer. In Georgia, it is estimated that 7,820 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 1,320 women will die from breast cancer in 2017; and
- WHEREAS: This devastating disease affects all races and socioeconomic classes. Caucasian women have the highest incidence of breast cancer, though African-American women with breast cancer are on average 40 percent more likely to die of the disease than other women with breast cancer, and breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death for Hispanic women; and
- WHEREAS: Although much progress has been made in the early detection and routine diagnosis of breast cancer in the past 30 years, metastatic breast cancer patients face many unique challenges, including the emotional and physical demands of continued treatment. A diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer not only affects the patient but also loved ones due to the associated economic burdens and other struggles; and
- WHEREAS: There is no known cure for metastatic breast cancer, though research efforts are underway to identify additional treatment options. ClinicalTrials.gov is a searchable database that provides patients, family members, and the general public with information regarding current ongoing clinical research studies; and
- WHEREAS: Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day provides an opportunity to increase public awareness of metastatic breast cancer and the needs of patients to help support those with the disease and provide them with a better quality of life; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 13, 2017, as METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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